

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2010 5:30 P.M. IONA
COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Brad Andersen, Council President Jane Shaw, Council member Steve Elliott, Council member Dennis McArthur, Council member Dan Gubler, Public Works Supervisor Zech Prouse, City Clerk Robyn Keyes, Treasurer Ron Nelson.

ABSENT: Police Chief Shannon Basaraba.

VISITORS: Sally Price, John Price, Doug Tolbert.

Mayor Andersen welcomed everyone and Council member Case led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda. The minutes, financial, and expense reports were reviewed. Mayor Andersen commented that the City was on track with revenue and expenditures, and the property tax revenue would reflect on next month's report. The Mayor also noted that on the expense report the description for Teton Communications should read SCADA instead of SCATA.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council. Council member Gubler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council President Shaw seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Previous Action Items. Public Works Supervisor Prouse said the inspection report for the museum was available. The report said the building was over-all sound but some of the major concerns were the roof covering, windows, plumbing, electrical system, and potential foundation problems. The inspector recommended gutting the interior of the building and rebuilding instead of plastering over the existing interior structures.

Council member Case said the Historical Society wanted an answer to whether the City would take over the museum after it was established.

Mayor Andersen said he thought the previous Mayor and Council talked about supporting the museum and asked Clerk Keyes to look back in the minutes for information.

Council member Gubler said he did not remember telling the Historical Society the City would be interested in taking the museum over.

Council member McArthur said the Historical Society did not consult the City before purchasing the museum.

Council member Case said the City attorney recommended keeping the Museum and Historical Society as a separate entity from the City, but according to the Code Book, the Historical Society was a commission to be governed by the City.

Council member Gubler said the Historical Society made plans for purchasing the museum without consulting with the City.

The Council agreed to table the issue until everyone had time to review the inspection report.

Mayor Andersen asked Council member Gubler if he had more information on the purchase of the identification poles for the City fire hydrants.

Council member Gubler said he was just waiting for approval from the City to purchase the poles.

Mayor Andersen said the Council approved the purchase at the last Council meeting.

Supervisor Prouse said he would place the order.

Items of Business.

Bigelow Property Update. Supervisor Prouse said the City attorney agreed with the request from Mr. Bigelow regarding the development agreement for his property in the Barnes Addition provided Mr. Bigelow make the following improvements to his property;

1. Installation of a meter pit on each lot (12 lots = 12 meter pits)
2. Installation of two Kupferle Flushing Hydrants
3. Asphalt and seal coat as per original agreement
4. Install signage as per original agreement
5. As per Idaho Falls specifications of 2010
 - a. disinfection of water mains
 - b. flushing of water mains
 - c. pressure test of water mains
 - d. coliform samples

Supervisor Prouse said according to a plat map of the area, the City has a 100' right-of-way to make Denning Avenue a through street. The Supervisor said he had a bid \$55,000 for running water line, sewer line and asphalt for 420 linear feet to open Denning Avenue up.

Council member Case asked if the City had money in the budget to make the improvements.

Mayor Andersen said there was money in reserves.

Council member Gubler said he was in favor of installing the water, sewer, and road in the near future as a means to help get the property developed and so school children in that area would have a better route for walking to school.

The Council agreed to send the letter agreeing with Mr. Bigelow's request provided he make the recommended improvement.

International Business Code Update.

Council President Shaw recommended the Council wait until the State publishes the updates before adopting the updates and said the City needed to adopt the IBC and the IRC.

The Council agreed to wait until the state had published the updates.

Community Center and Park Shelter Conduct Resolution.

The Council looked over the proposed resolution for the Community Center. Council member Gubler said he was concerned with allowing alcohol in the Community Center and Park Shelters for City approved events.

Council President Shaw agreed that alcohol should not be allowed at all.

The Mayor said there had been requests for alcohol use during some weddings, christening, and reunions.

The Council agreed to not allow alcohol at all.

Council member Gubler also stated concern with the prohibition of firearms except by law enforcement officers. The Councilman said he had a concealed weapons permit and should be allowed to carry his firearm inside the building.

Supervisor Prouse said if the City did not allow firearms they would be required to post a sign stating firearms were prohibited.

Council President Shaw suggested changing the provision to not allow open carry of firearms.

Mayor Andersen entertained a motion from the Council.

Council member Gubler made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-02 Community Center Code of Conduct with item #6 allowing alcohol to be rephrased to state alcohol was not permitted. And Item #8 to state open carry of a weapon (as defined by law) with in the Community Center premises or at park shelters is restricted by anyone other than law enforcement officers

Council member Case seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

AYE: Council member Case, Council member McArthur, Council President Shaw, Council member Gubler.

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Reports.

Supervisor Prouse said he and Chief Basaraba met with the engineers for the flashing lights at the school crosswalks. The Supervisor said the engineers recommended the flashing lights be moved 100' to the west to avoid being installed at the entrance of 6-12 and moved 150' farther east on the opposite end of the school zone.

Council member Case said he agreed with the recommendations.

Council member Gubler said he did not agree with the recommendations and the flashing lights should be closer to the school.

Supervisor Prouse said the flashing lights were designed to protect the crosswalk, not the entire school zone and reminded the Council the lights would only be flashing when school began in the morning and as school was let out in the afternoon.

Council President Shaw asked what the Chief thought of the recommended changes.

Supervisor Prouse said the Chief was in favor of the recommended changes.

Mayor Andersen asked the Council to state their recommendations; Council member Gubler said the plan should stay as originally engineered, Council President Shaw said she agreed with the engineers recommended changes, Council member Case said he agreed the flashers should be placed to protect the cross walk, and Council member McArthur agreed with Council member Case.

Mayor Andersen said the City would go with the engineer's recommended changes.

Mayor Andersen read two letters from Iona residents thanking the City employees for their efforts and dedication.

Council member McArthur said he had a citizen approach him regarding unnecessary and potentially dangerous parking in the public right-of-ways by some homeowners. The Council member said there were many residents who used the public right-of-way for parking and it wasn't a problem, but agreed there were some extreme cases that were a problem.

Mayor Andersen asked Supervisor Prouse if he had noticed a problem while driving around the City. The Supervisor said there were some instances where people were blocking the bike path and other dangerous situations.

Council member Gubler said if there wasn't a real problem then to just leave the situation alone.

Mayor Andersen informed the Council of a public meeting held by the Department of the Interior regarding the Ririe Reservoir.

Mayor Andersen recognized citizens from the audience and asked if they like to speak to the Council.

Mr. Tolbert said he received a letter from the building inspector stating that he had 10 days to schedule a walk through for inspection purposes. Mr. Tolbert said when he spoke with Clerk Keyes several months ago she told him he was finished with the process, and he had a recording of her telling him that.

Clerk Keyes said she would like to hear the recording and explained that must have been a misunderstanding because she knows that all building permits require inspections and she would not tell him otherwise.

Council member Case asked Mr. Tolbert if he had received a list of inspection requirements when he obtained the building permit.

Mr. Tolbert said no, and he had already built the building before he obtained the permit.

Council member Case said inspections were still required.

Clerk Keyes said a list of required inspections were written on the building permit.

Mayor Andersen explained the building inspector needed to close out the permit with inspections and he needed to begin with a walk through, which as he understood was scheduled for December 29th.

Mayor Andersen thanked Mr. Tolbert for his comments.

Council President Shaw made a motion to adjourn

Council member McArthur seconded the motion.

All were in favor, adjourned 6:35 p.m.